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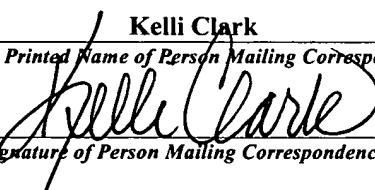
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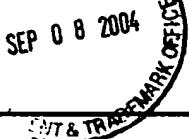
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Japanese Patent No. 2002-40493:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an improved multichannel filter which has increased channel bandwidth.

SOLUTION: An MZI type reconstitutable multichannel filter is provided with increased channel bandwidth by adding an all-pass filter to one or both of MZI arms. Consequently, rectangular amplitude response which is close to a phase is obtained.

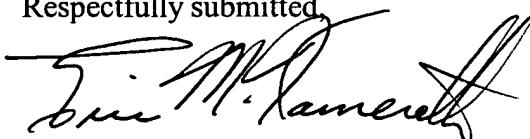
Japanese Patent No. 3175499:

PURPOSE: To improve the collating rate and to shorten the processing time by generating an effective border between registered speakers and others efficiently.

CONSTITUTION: The system is constituted by coupling a voice input part 10, a preprocessing part 20, a collation neutral network 30, and a decision circuit 40. Before the preprocessing part 20 preprocesses the input voice of an input speaker for learning and inputs data on the registered network 30 for the learning of the neutral network 30, data close to the area of the registered speaker in a feature space and data filling other all areas effectively are selected among preprocessed data on unregistered speakers and only the selected preprocessed data are used as input data for learning for unregistered speakers. Thus, the data selected matching two selection conditions are used, so the collating rate is improved and the processing time is shortened.

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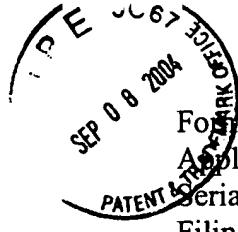
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____ 1	5,596,661	01/21/1997	Henry et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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References Cited by Applicants

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